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In re Patent Application of:

Group Art Unit: 3612

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Examiner: Kiran B. Patel

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For: DEPLOYABLE RIGID SYSTEM FOR
CRASH ENERGY MANAGEMENT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement, dated April 5, 2005, setting forth a one-month shortened statutory period for response that expired May 5, 2004, and for which a one-month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith to extend the response period to June 6, 2005 (June 5 being a holiday). Applicant hereby elects Species E, which reads on claims 1-5, 7-10, 29-31, and 33-36.

Applicant's election is for the purposes of advancing the prosecution of the application. The absence of specific comments on the propriety of the restriction is not, and should not be considered, acquiescence to the restriction itself or the underlying reasoning. Other species have been pursued in related applications within the patent family. Nothing herein should be considered to limit the scope of any claims resulting from the present election.


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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies/overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293 (Order No. 12492.0030).

Respectfully submitted,

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